should ensure that under no circumstances credit flow to the priority sector in general and for rural areas and Government sponsored schemes in particular should yet disrupted.

Outstanding Excise Duty

3271. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minsiter of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the firms against which excise duty amounting to more than Rupees five lakhs is outstanding as on the 31st March, 1992; and

(b) what is the time since when these are outstanding and what steps have been taken by Government to recover the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The number of firms against whom excise duty amounting to more than Rs. 5 lakhs is outstanding will run into thousands. Thus, the time and effort involved in the collection of information from field formations, spread all over the country, will be enormous and not commensurate with the objective sought to be achieved. However, administrative, legal and other measures as are considered necessary, are taken from time to time to recover the outstanding central excise arrears.

N.R.I. Deposits in India

3272. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minsiter of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to starred Question 219 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th. December, 1992 and state:

(a) What is the present total deposits by NRIs in India; and

(b) What is the increase in the amounts of deposits and withdrawals during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The amount of deposits in banks by NRIs as on 31.10.1992 is as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

i) Non-resident (External) Accounts	8643.00
ii) Foreign Currency Non-resident accounts	12604.00
US dollars	8287.00
Sterling Pounds	2371.00
Deutsche Marks	326.00
Yen	1620.00

b) The net outflows (Excluding accrued interest) in the year 1991-92 in the bank deposits is as under:

	Net outflows in US Million Dollors
i) Non-resident (External) Rupee Account	27.00
ii) Foreign Currency Non-resident Accounts	1627.00

Captive Plantation Project with the help of Overseas Development Agency of United Kingdom

3273. SHRI B.K. HARI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Mysore Paper Mills Limited has taken up captive plantation project with the technical and financial assistance of Overseas Development Agency, United Kingdom;